

Listing of Claims:

1.(currently amended) A device for collecting gravel and/or calculi expelled through the urethra ~~particularly conceived for being used by renal patients and for the purpose of allowing and facilitating the collection of such residue expelled while urinating~~ during urination comprising in any place and in any circumstance, characterized in that it is constituted by means of a type of a sieve of a textile nature and suitable porosity, said sieve having a mouth and provided at the level of its said mouth ~~with a preferably an~~ elliptical-shaped ring, said ring associated to a handle for handling the device, ~~with the particularity that~~ wherein said ring can be folded over itself to reduce the volume of the device in an inoperative situation.

2. (currently amended)- A The device according to claim 1, wherein ~~for collecting gravel and/or calculi expelled through the urethra according to claim 1,~~ characterized in that the ~~said~~ ring of the mouth of the sieve is carried out in comprises two rods, each of said two rods comprising a ~~there being defined in each one of them~~ a curved section and a straight section, one of said two both rods being joined to the other of said two ~~the rods together~~ in an articulated fashion at ~~one of the~~ an ends of ~~their~~ a curved section, whereas wherein each of said ~~their~~ straight sections enter the said handle, one of said curved sections ~~them~~ being integrally joined to the latter other of the curved sections, whereas the other one is able to rotate in order to allow the swiveling of one half-ring of the curved sections with respect to the other of the curved sections ~~one~~.

3. (currently amended) A The device for collecting gravel and/or calculi expelled through the urethra according to claim 2, characterized in that the wherein said moving rod further comprises ~~incorporates in the area where its proximate said~~ curved section said and straight sections ~~meet~~, a side flange for locking said rod, said side flange being lockable ~~that can be locked into a groove of the said handle, for which purpose a proximal section is arranged in the handle~~

~~which is telescopically movable with respect to said handle, in which said groove is located, such that in a retracted situation of the proximal section of the handle, the flange is located outside it, the swiveling of said rod being possible, whereas in the extended position of said section the flange is locked in the groove, the fixed section of the handle further incorporating movement guides for the moving section, specifically for safety stops for the latter.~~

4. (currently amended) A- ~~The device for collecting gravel and/or calculi expelled through the urethra according to claim 1, wherein any of the previous claims, characterized in that the said sieve is finished at its lower end opposite to its said mouth with a cylindrical teat which allows collecting the expelled gravel and/or calculi for their later medical control.~~

5. (canceled).

6. (canceled).

7. (new) The device according to claim 3, wherein said proximal section is arranged in said handle which is telescopically movable with respect to said handle, in which said groove is located, such that in a retracted position of said proximal section of the handle, said flange is located outside it, the swiveling of said rod being possible, whereas in the extended position of said section the flange is locked in said groove.

8. (new) The device according to claim 4, further comprising a fixed section on said handle, said fixed section having a housing inside having a sample collection box, said sample collection box having a series of volumetric markings for determining the amount of sample collected, and a lid arranged for the hermetic sealing of said housing.

9. (new) The device according to claim 3, further comprising a fixed

section of the handle having movement guides for the moving section.

10. (new) An assembly for collecting gravel and/or calculi expelled through the urethra, comprising device having a sieve of a textile nature and suitable porosity, said sieve having a mouth and provided at the level of said mouth an elliptical-shaped ring, said ring associated to a handle for handling the device, wherein said ring can be folded over itself to reduce the volume of the device in an inoperative situation and a case formed by two shells joined by means of a hinge, said case capable of receiving said device when said device is in a non-operable orientation.